

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121, please amend the specification as requested below. In making such amendments, no new matter is believed to be entered as such amendments are made to correct errors in the specification.

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 5 with the following amended paragraph:

Additional embodiments of the present subject matter concern methodology for making a laminated ball bat. In one exemplary embodiment of such methodology, a first step is to provide a first laminated block composed of a plurality of successively adjacent thin strips wherein adjacent thin strips are bonded together by a bonding agent. A second step is to provide a second laminated block. The volume and density of the first block ~~by~~ may be different from the volume and density of the second block. The second laminated block is also composed of a plurality of successively adjacent thin strips wherein adjacent thin strips are bonded together by a bonding agent.

Please replace the last paragraph on page 10 (and continuing on page 11) with the following amended paragraph:

As schematically shown in Figure 2, each thin strip (44a – 44d) of the first plurality of thin strips has a presently preferred thickness (48) between about 0.00787 inches to about 0.375 inches. Notably, the thickness of each of the thin strips (44a – 44d) is not required to be equal to the thickness of any of the others. However, in a presently preferred embodiment, all of the thicknesses are substantially the same and are ~~03.75 inches~~ 0.375 inches.